

Minutes Board of Trustees Meeting February 10, 2015

The Board of Trustees of the Village of Cold Spring conducted an interview with the auditing firm of Sedore and Company, followed by their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 10, 2015 beginning at 7:00 pm.

Attending: Mayor J. Ralph Falloon and Trustees Stephanie Hawkins, Bruce Campbell, Michael Bowman and Cathryn Fadde

Also: Ellen Mageean, Village Accountant

The board was joined by Jim Letterio and William Cochran of the auditing firm Sedore and Company.

Trustee Fadde moved to enter into Executive Session to conduct an interview for auditing services and seconded by Trustee Campbell and unanimously carried. At the conclusion of the interview, Trustee Hawkins moved to exit Executive Session and seconded by Trustee Fadde and unanimously carried.

William Florence, Village Attorney joined the board for the monthly meeting.

Mayor Falloon opened the regular monthly meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Trustee Bowman moved to approve minutes of the February 3, 2015 workshop and seconded by Trustee Hawkins. Vote: 4-0-1-0 with Mayor Falloon abstaining due to absence.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Highlights for the February 10, 2015 meeting:

The village received notification from the NYSDOT that they have processed our filing for the Main Street project and will be sending out the amount requested of \$8,147.51. The village received the fourth quarter franchise fee payment from Cablevision in February 2015. The amount received was slightly more than last and in line with our budget.

REVIEW OF FEDERAL TRANSPORTATION PROJECT

Trustee Campbell reviewed the following documents related to the federally funded Main Street transportation projects:

- a. Milestones of projects from 2007 and to current date provided by CHA
- b. Payment history to CHA (engineering consultant)
- c. Reimbursement requests for both projects
- d. Estimated construction phase costs
- e. Timeline of project and progression of tasks provided by NYSDOT

Ellen Mageean spoke about the financial history of the project including adjustments to funding, expenses and reimbursements.

WATER AND WASTEWATER

Superintendent Phillips provided the board with **attached** correspondence from Bart Clark of Oakwood Environmental Associates regarding the need for repairs to the sewer lines on Fair, Market, and Fish Streets and Northern Avenue. The repairs involve relining old clay pipe that has cracked and, in some instances, completely broken. A conceptual estimate for the proposed work is \$296,467. This estimate includes a large contingency of \$51,115 due to the fact that it is difficult to foresee every possibility with underground projects such as this. To fund this project it was proposed to add \$296,467 to the next Bond Anticipation Note. After discussion, the board approved proceeding with funding this project through a BAN. Bond counsel will be contacted to prepare a resolution for board consideration at their next meeting.

With regards to the Water Department, the NYCDEP now considers our application for a new connection to the Catskill Aqueduct to be substantially complete. The village will now be able to submit a Land Use Application to the DEP. With respect to the cost of the new connection, the total estimate of \$299,392 is greater than the \$103,738 remaining in the original BAN by \$195,653. Two options were presented: add to the BAN maturing in May or utilize the water fund balance. After discussion, the board favored the option of utilizing the fund balance to cover the cost of the new connection.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

During the month of January, 4 permits were issued, 11 inspections, 4 certificates of occupancy and 5 complaints.

POLICE AND JUSTICE COURT

During the month of January, recent arrest charges were: disorderly conduct on Main Street, return on warrant grand larceny felony and forgery 2nd, a felony. The Justice Court collected \$5,806 during the month of January.

ADDITIONAL MONTHLY REPORTS

The **Recreation Commission** approved the following docking applications:

River Rose on 5/30 from 12:30 to 5:30 pm

Clearwater 6/1-6/7

Trustee Hawkins moved to approve these applications and seconded by Trustee Fadde and unanimously carried.

Applications for use of Mayor's Park

Knights of Columbus Octoberfest 9/19 & 9/20

Get Your Guts in Gear 6/13 & 6/14

Trustee Bowman moved to approve and seconded by Trustee Hawkins and unanimously carried.

The Recreation Commission members are considering performing the lawn care/fertilization as a cost savings measure.

Trustee Campbell spoke about proposed signage related to the Fjord trail which includes signs directing motorists to parking locations, gateway signs and directional signs.

Planning- If the Planning Board deems the Butterfield Realty site plan application complete at their next meeting, a public hearing will be scheduled for March 4, 2015.

Historic District Review Board- The HDRB asked for board approval on an agreement with Attorney Bill Hurst to complete recommendations for updating Chapter 64 of the Village Code. The Butterfield Realty application is moving along smoothly and the HDRB tentatively discussed holding a public hearing in March. Two public hearings were held for projects at 24 Paulding Avenue and the administration building at the West Point Foundry. Both proposals were approved.

Putnam County- An inter-municipal agreement with Putnam County related to the multimodal project is still pending. A draft agreement will be provided to counsel. Legislator Scuccimarra expressed concern about not receiving recent correspondence from the United States Postal Service.

Chamber of Commerce - The Summer Concert Series is planned for this summer with an application to be submitted shortly.

Parking- With regards to an expanded residential parking permit program, NYS Senator Terrence Murphy has expressed a willingness to cosponsor residential parking legislation.

Tree Advisory- The village has posted for Tree Advisory Committee members.

Code Update- In addition to the **attached** report, Jack Goldstein, chair pointed out that there is a \$20,000 discrepancy between the available cash provided by the state and the proposed scope of work from the consultant. The board is working with the consultant to effect a \$20,000 reduction. The current proposal allocates \$2,000 for the last phase of the project which involves a Board of Trustees public hearing and SEQRA process. Chair Goldstein shared his view that a negative declaration is unlikely. Further, he spoke about his reservations on the sufficiency of the budget for this aspect of the project and urged the board to carefully review this issue prior to taking any formal steps.

REPORT OF THE MAYOR AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Trustee Bowman queried whose responsibility it was to clear snow surrounding hydrants.

Trustee Campbell announced that he will not seek re-election.

Mayor Falloon thanked the highway department for their efforts in snow removal.

CORRESPONDENCE

Mayor Falloon spoke of recent correspondence and subsequent conversations with the NYSDEC regarding their need to have unimpeded access to the boat club building and the proposed time schedule for the remediation. The DEC is seeking a written commitment from the village by the end of March.

The United Postal Service provided a list of properties that have been reviewed as possible new locations for the Cold Spring Retail Services Post Office. Mayor Falloon pointed out that some of these locations were no longer available.

Butterfield Library is sponsoring an I Remember 1955 event to go back in time with stories, songs, photographs and memorabilia. Event has been rescheduled to a date in March.

OLD BUSINESS

Trustee Fadde suggested purchasing solar compacting receptacles. She stated that this purchase was specifically requested in a letter to the county.

Trustee Bowman asked about the progress in obtaining prices for plumbing services.

BILL APPROVAL

Trustee Fadde moved to approve payment of the audited bills and seconded by Trustee Campbell and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Michael Armstrong suggested placing information about the post office relocation on the village website.

Trustee Bowman moved to adjourn and seconded by Trustee Fadde and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Saari, Village Clerk